Consideration of Bids for Construction of New Elementary School

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Overview

The passage of the $120 million bond issue in April 2010 has allowed the district to design its twenty-first elementary school, which will be located in northeast Columbia. A total of $18.85 million of the $120 million is dedicated to land acquisition and improvement, construction of the building, technology, and furnishing and equipping the building. With approval of this bid, construction will begin in September 2013, with a completion date of July 2015. Students will start to attend school at this new elementary school in August 2015.

Bids were received from the following companies:

Bidder	Location	Base	Alt. 2	Alt. 3	Total
K&S Construction	St. Louis, MO	$13,227,000	$294,000	$16,500	$13,537,500
Interior Construction	St. Louis, MO	$13,457,000	$160,000	$10,000	$13,627,000
River City	Ashland, MO	$13,472,000	$217,000	$17,000	$13,706,000
Curtiss-Manes	Eldon, MO	$13,735,000	$292,441	$16,574	$14,044,015
Wright Construction	Chesterfield, MO	$13,935,000	$268,000	$17,000	$14,220,000
Sircal	Jefferson City, MO	$14,142,000	$177,600	$16,600	$14,336,000
Orf Construction	Bridgeton, MO	$14,512,000	$84,000	$17,000	$14,613,000
Professional Contractors and Engineers	Columbia, MO	$14,300,000	$370,000	$16,000	$14,686,000
Little Dixie Construction	Columbia, MO	$14,304,418	$405,592	$16,480	$14,726,490
Moresy Construction	Godfrey, IL	$14,480,000	$376,000	$17,517	$14,873,517
Hawkins	St. Louis, MO	$15,869,000	$207,000	$16,000	$16,092,000

Alternate 2 is floor sealant to prevent moisture concerns; Alternate 3 increases roof decking to 20-gauge vs. 22-gauge so we don't experience roof popping.

It is recommended the contract be awarded to the low bidder meeting specifications, K&S Construction of St. Louis, Missouri, in the amount of $13,537,500.

Fiscal Impact and Funding Source

The elementary school project was added to the 2010 bond issue in November 2009. A rough estimate of $15 million was used for the project. The 2010 bond issue also projected a need for $7 million in capitalized interest. To date, we have had less than $1 million needed for capitalized interest, and each bond sale has resulted in premiums that collectively total around $6 million. This benefit of a competitive bond market along with moving HVAC projects forward by 18 months using district funds has allowed for more than $12 million to be put into construction than was anticipated. Some of the funds were used to increase the scope of the Hickman and Rock Bridge high school gymnasium projects. The increased cost of the elementary school is related to an increase in the scope fo the project and some normal inflationary construction costs. The district has adequate funds available from the 2010 bond issue to manage this project.

Recommendation

It is the recommendation of the administration that, at its September 9, 2013, meeting, the Board of Education award this bid to K&S Construction of St. Louis, Missouri, in the amount of $13,537,500.
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